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... the government shall be upon his shoulder; and his name shall be called Wonderful Counsellor, ... of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end ... The zeal of JEHOVAH of hosts will perform this.
—Isaiah 9: 6, 7.

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Time of Darkness - Isaiah 60:2

HYSTERIA of mob violence has seized upon many parts of the land. Harmless persons are assaulted because they decline to obey the demands of fanatical persons. Their houses are broken open, burned to the ground; they are thrown into prison; they are driven like dumb brutes through the heat; forced to drink castor oil, tarred and feathered. The mobs are incited to do this work by religious leaders and others who claim to be great patriots of the nation. Engaged in these mobs are public officials who, because of influence exercised over them by the Roman Catholic Hierarchy, and because of their desire for political advantage, violate their oath of office, ill-treat and abuse American citizens who are doing no wrong, and wink at wicked acts of Nazis, "fifth columnists," and others who engage in a conspiracy against the government. This class is for lawlessness, wickedness, violence.

On the other hand there is a class of people who are honest and sincere, and who believe in Almighty God and His Son, Christ Jesus, and are in favor of freedom of speech and freedom of worship, regardless of who the person may be or what his belief may be. These seek the welfare of the people in general and want to know the meaning of the

SIGNS OF THE TIMES

Total wars, threats of famine, millions of refugees, destruction of democracies, "distress of nations, with perplexity," "men's hearts failing them for fear!" What has RELIGION to say about these signs of the times?

Facts piling up hourly show that "Christendom's" greatest religious combine, the Roman Catholic Hierarchy, is determined that the whole world, including the United States of America, shall go totalitarian this year, 1940. Even sincere, devout Catholic persons are horrified as they learn daily of faithless, treacherous acts of high Catholic leaders and other religionists. For example:

In Italy, in Germany, Hierarchy archbishops, monsignors, and other church representatives publicly bless and pray for "success" of the totalitarian war machines. In Britain the same Hierarchy's lone cardinal joins contrariwise in blessing and praying for those resisting the totalitarian aggressors. In the same breath that British cardinal commands silence upon Catholics who dare to demand that their pope excommunicate a "son of the Catholic church", Adolf Hitler. Throughout Hitler's domain the Hierarchy bishops publicly celebrate his recent victory over Belgium, Luxemburg, The Netherlands, and France.

A few years ago German bishops asked the same Hitler to destroy Jehovah's witnesses. He promptly heeded that request and issued a pronouncement condemning Jehovah's witnesses, as follows: 'I dissolve their organization in Germany; their property I dedicate to the people's welfare; I will have all their literature confiscated; I do not tolerate that German Catholics be besmirched in such a manner by this American Judge Rutherford.' (*The German Way*, 1938) Immediately thereafter more than six thou-

sand of Jehovah's witnesses were herded into concentration camps, to live under the lash of cruel guards; a number have been shot because they firmly choose to obey Almighty God and Christ Jesus and refuse to "Heil Hitler" or salute his swastika.

WHITHER AMERICA?

America's president, yielding to pressure exerted upon him for years, recently sent as his personal ambassador to the pope a Fascistic admirer of Mussolini.

Vatican City's own newspaper, the Hierarchy's official mouthpiece, now hails the rise of Fascist France as the "dawn of a new radiant day, not only for France but for Europe and the world".

Says another Vatican mouthpiece (*Our Sunday Visitor*, Catholic weekly of Indiana): "The Holy Father has not condemned Fascism as such, and neither have we; the church can get along with a totalitarian ruler if he grants the church full liberty."

Both Hitler and Mussolini have individual working agreements (concordats) with the pope. Franco is negotiating one. Those four authoritarian masters and their comrades, including the chief of the Moscow government, now vigorously and feverishly push a common program for world control, in line with the terms of those papal concordats.

America's "radio priest" exultantly forecasts a vigorous forward push by his "Christian Front". Its members he openly advises to prepare to 'fight in Franco's way'.

Already in nearly every State of the Union the Catholic Hierarchy's orders to suppress and drive out Jehovah's witnesses are being ruthlessly executed by the American Legion and Knights of Columbus. The Legion's 1940 national commander, Raymond Kelly, who is also

a Knight of Columbus, now seriously urges the formation of a private army, unarmed but otherwise completely militarized, under his supreme command and with all other posts of command filled by Legionnaires. This recalls a stout claim made in 1923 by the then national commander (Alvin Owsley): "Do not forget that the Fascisti are to Italy what the American Legion is to the United States."

IS THIS SPREADING HATE?

Why mention these things? Hierarchy leaders and religionists who choose to take orders from them say that Jehovah's witnesses spread hate. To every thoughtful, honest and God-fearing person Jehovah's witnesses say: In obedience to the command of ALMIGHTY GOD (Isaiah 58:1; Isaiah 54:17) we publish these stirring facts. For what purpose? To aid every humble, order-loving person to discern the difference between religion and Christianity. These stirring facts we publish to aid such persons to FORSAKE RELIGION and instead LEARN AND OBEY THE LAWS OF ALMIGHTY GOD written in His Word, the Bible, that they may live under God's kingdom.

Is this spreading hate? Pause and consider.

Today politicians, business chiefs and all other thoughtful people are witnessing the fulfillment of Jehovah's ancient prophecy: "Destruction cometh; and they shall seek peace, and there shall be none. Mischief shall come upon mischief, and rumour shall be upon rumour; then shall they seek a vision of the prophet [clergyman]: but the law shall perish from the priest, and counsel from the ancients. The king shall mourn, and the prince shall be clothed with desolation, and the hands of the people of the land shall be troubled." "The day of JEHOVAH is at hand, and as destruction from the Almighty shall it come."—Ezekiel 7: 25-27; Joel 1: 15, *American Revised Version*.

Human wisdom, political and religious, has failed. Only a higher wisdom can understand today's ominous signs. Selfish and worldly-wise ones will scoff, but such scoffing in no way changes THE FACTS. Hypocritical religionists and their violent strong-arm squad of Legionnaires will falsely accuse and attempt to "stamp out" Jehovah's witnesses who faithfully sound the warning; but the decree of the Most High God, Jehovah, shall be executed by His heavenly hosts under Christ Jesus against every oppressor of His witnesses.

DEMONS

Human law-enforcing agents are powerless to cope now with the forces of violence. Why? Because back of this violence, the infallible Word of God shows, there are wicked, invisible powers, demons, called "Nephilim", that is, "fallen

ones," "bullies," or "giants". (See Genesis 6: 4, 11, *American Revised Version*.) In the days before the Flood all the earth was filled with violence because all mankind, except Noah and his family of seven, succumbed in fear to those violent Nephilim and practiced demonism, religion. Violent men all perished in the Flood.

The promoters of violence today are likewise demon-controlled. It is reported that Hitler does not make a move before he consults five astrologers. His astonishing conquest of other nations in rapid succession, with precision and devilish cunning, and according to schedule announced months in advance, can be explained only by the fact of demon-possession and demon-co-operation. His partner in violence, Mussolini, is superstitious and consults astrology, which the Bible declares is demonism.

Back of recent outbursts of organized violence and mobbing in America is the same diabolical power of the demons, acting under "the prince of the demons", Satan the Devil. The demons have always used visible human agents to fight against Jehovah God and the proclamation of His Theocratic Government under Christ Jesus. The Sacred Record clearly shows that those agents of the demons have in every instance been the religionists and their allies. The demons under Satan their prince used Nimrod and organized religion after the Flood. Religion is demonism. (See Cardinal Newman's *Essay on Development*, chapter 8.) Babylon became the fountainhead of religion. Hence Babylon in Scripture is used to symbolize the modern organization of religion, of which "Christendom" is chief. As ancient Babylon was destroyed, so shall "Christendom" shortly fall and be destroyed.—See Revelation 18: 2, 4, 21; Jeremiah 51: 6.

Now violence is on the increase in "Christendom", especially with the rise of Communism, Fascism and Nazism. Such dictatorial, totalitarian systems, though parading under various names and outward forms, are the same in fact, and all are of the Devil and his associate demons. Their advance has been notorious for demoniacal trickery, cunning, treachery, cruelty, hypocrisy and violence. The totalitarian monstrosity aims to control the entire earth. Great Britain and the United States are next on their schedule. Will religion save those democracies? Let recent facts speak!

"FIFTH COLUMN"

Taking the lead in religion is the oldest and most powerful ecclesiastical organization in "Christendom", with headquarters at Vatican City. Religion has been and is the active ally of the totalitarian aggressors. None can deny that with every army the religious clergy, particularly the Roman Catholic, go to the war front, presumptuously to "bless" the killers "in the name of God". The purpose of the Roman Catholic dictators and their acknowledged "Supreme Pontiff" is to destroy all democracy, regiment the people, and rule the earth in place of and in opposition to Jehovah's Theocratic Government by Christ Jesus.

For this purpose the Roman Catholic Hierarchy maintains the world's greatest information center at Vatican City, and a spy ring and invisible "column" in every land, that it may thereby betray free peoples into the hands of such dictator tools and thus hasten the realization of the pope's ambitions and pretensions to world rulership as the "spiritual

sovereign". The basis for Hitler's *blitz*-successes was largely laid by the invisible preliminary work of the Nazi "fifth column" in lands attacked. The first one to use a "fifth column" was that devout Roman Catholic and hater of democracy, General Franco, whom the pope hailed as 'the savior of civilization'.

America harbors a "fifth column". As soon as any conditions threaten its exposure, the Roman Catholic Hierarchy in America hurries to cover up and protect it. In Boston, Mass., June 2, according to an INS dispatch, Cardinal O'Connell declared: "There will be no fifth column among the Catholics of America. They must look elsewhere for that." At Cincinnati, Ohio, June 13, according to the *Times-Star*, Archbishop McNicholas said: "No true Catholic in this nation belongs to a fifth column." By them we are asked to believe that, despite the very evident fifth column activities of the Catholic Hierarchy in Spain, Norway, The Netherlands, Belgium, and France, no Catholic in America will be or is associated with a "fifth column". At the same time they say that Jehovah's witnesses (though never associated with the politics of any country) are the fifth column, and, *Watch them!* Very evidently public officials under Hierarchy influence heeded their admonition.

On July 3, 1940, J. Edgar Hoover, chief of the FBI at Washington, reported to the attorney general that FBI investigations prove that no connection exists between Jehovah's witnesses and the Nazis. Then the attorney general announced that the Department of Justice will see to it that the rights of Jehovah's witnesses to assemble and to carry on their activities among the people shall be safeguarded throughout the United States. This backs up the unanimous decision of the Supreme Court, May 20, 1940, which upheld the right of Jehovah's witnesses to use the printed page and phonograph records to publicly proclaim God's kingdom and to expose His religious enemies.

To "fifth columnists" these official decisions issued for the entire nation mean nothing. In their chagrin they seize upon the majority decision of the Supreme Court of June 3, 1940, on the flag salute that each public-school board *may* (not *must*) decide to require of all children who attend such schools. "Fifth columnists" twist that decision as a warrant and decree to them to appoint themselves terrorizing vigilantes, arbitrarily to demand that any and every person, and particularly all of Jehovah's witnesses, "salute the flag, or else—" Such is the logical result of the Roman Catholic Hierarchy's instruction to its "faithful" through their religious press and sermons and private advices, to treat Jehovah's witnesses violently when they appear at Catholic homes and communities.

Some of the American Legion feel shame at the part which their fellow Legionnaires now play, under Hierarchy pressure, in these un-American (not to say, un-Christlike) assaults upon Jehovah's witnesses, such as done at Litchfield, Ill., Kennebunk, Me., Odessa, Tex., Jackson, Miss., and scores of other places.

Let discerning Americans draw the only logical conclusions: The recent violent outbursts by the above-named elements against Jehovah's witnesses are but trial balloons, feelers, to test out the

public temper and to see how far they dare go without interference on the part of those responsible to maintain order and peace.

For twenty years Jehovah's witnesses have warned the American public of these very dangers. Lovers of God and righteousness will take their stand firmly *against* all such totalitarian monstrosities, and *in favor* of THE KINGDOM, Jehovah's Theocracy, for which Jesus taught His followers to pray to Almighty God: 'Thy kingdom come; thy will be done in earth.' Such will absolutely refuse to have any part in or sympathy with mobs and other violent expressions of opposition to the Theocratic Kingdom and its ambassadors, Jehovah's witnesses. Their message is true. You should honestly hear, examine and compare it with the Bible and the "signs of the times", and then judge for yourself that it is the truth.

Jehovah's anointed King and Judge, Christ Jesus, is now on His throne, judging all nations. The "goats", who oppose Him and oppress his brethren that publish the good news of His Theocratic Government, He now gathers to His left, to be destroyed in Jehovah's battle at Armageddon, now near. The "sheep", persons of good will toward Almighty God and His Government and who help, comfort and protect His faithful servants in their witness work, are being gathered to the King's right, to be shielded and preserved alive through that most terrible of all battles and to inherit unending life and blessings on earth under God's Government. (Consider Matthew 25: 31-46; Daniel 2: 44; Isaiah 9: 6, 7.) On which side will you be at Armageddon? You have been warned! You cannot side-step the great issue and escape. Choose THE THEOCRACY and live!

MULTITUDES

Nineteen centuries ago the Lord foretold the coming day when He would gather to himself a multitude without number; that these would come from all nations and be gathered during a time of great tribulation on the earth. All the facts show that that time has come. All the nations are now in distress and perplexity.—Luke 21: 25, 26; Revelation 7: 9-15.

The nations are now assembled and all nations, without exception, are against THE THEOCRATIC GOVERNMENT by Christ Jesus, Jehovah's anointed King. The battle of that great day of God Almighty is very near, in which battle all nations will fall. The survivors will be only those who flee quickly to the kingdom of God; as it is written: 'Seek ye the Lord, all ye teachable of the earth; seek righteousness, seek meekness; it may be ye shall be hid in the day of the Lord's anger.'—Zephaniah 2: 3.

If you would be hid from that time of disaster make your choice quickly. Flee now, while there is opportunity. Fear not man, but put your trust wholly in God and in His King and make His kingdom your refuge.

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